



HIV Testing & Counselling Training (HTCT) Program

"5 Cs" - Consent, Confidentiality, Counselling, Correct test results and Connection

Virtual Certification Training Program

WHAT: This HIV Testing and Counselling Training (HTCT) certification course is meant for the professionals in the healthcare settings including blood bank. This course provides training on pre and post-test counselling, HIV-testing (as per the NABL-112), occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), legal and ethical issues related to the HIV testing.

WHOM: Professionals from hospitals, diagnostic laboratories and blood banks which are NABL (ISO 15189: 2012) / NABH accredited or under preparation for accreditation can participate:

- **Diagnostic laboratory professionals (Pathologists, Microbiologists, Biochemists, Quality Managers).**
- **Medical Officers and other staff in health-care settings.**

WHEN: Online 2-day (1.00 PM – 5.00 PM) virtual program. Please refer email for the specific dates or contact us for the details of the forthcoming program.

HOW: Lectures, case studies and interactive sessions. Professionals including laboratory experts, clinicians, scientists with years of HIV/AIDS training experience will facilitate the program.

The participants can enrol for the program by paying Rs. 1,500/- per person and the payment can be done using net-banking or from GooglePay account to the following bank account: Account No. 124813500009037, Account Name: SDC Microbiology CME, Bank: Karur Vysya Bank, IFSC Code: KVBL0001248, Branch: PH Road, Chennai-600077 or scanning the QR Code.



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BACKGROUND & ABOUT THE COURSE DETAILS

As per the World Health Organization (WHO) Geneva, HIV testing and counselling is a package service intended to allow people to make informed decisions regarding knowledge of their HIV status and the implications of those decisions. HIV testing and counselling helps people to cope with their HIV sero-status, make informed choices about their future practices and modify risk behaviours. Importantly, it is a gateway to prevention, care, treatment and support.

As per the **National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Government of India, New Delhi** the health care settings should offer a service to protect an individual and their families by practicing the “5 Cs - Consent, Confidentiality, Counselling, Correct test results and Connection”. This is also implemented through the standards and guidelines of the **National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) and National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH)** in public and private health care settings.

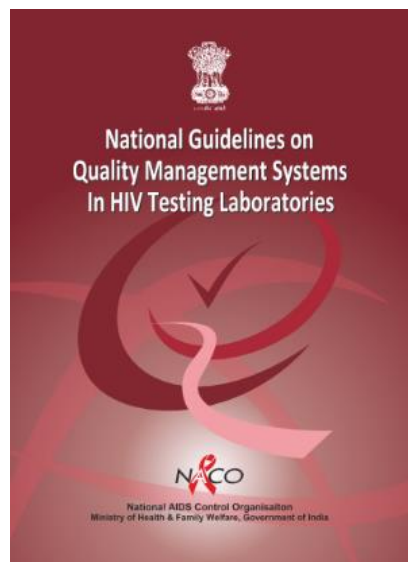
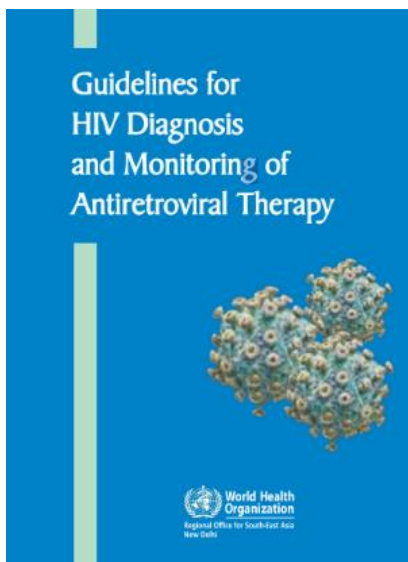
SDC, Saveetha University, Chennai (<https://www.saveetha.com>) is a not-for-profit private organization recognized by the DSIR, conducts this training program on HIV test counselling as part of its social commitment and educational services. This **HIV Testing and Counselling Training (HTCT)** program consists of 5 core components: 1. Pre-test counselling that outlines the testing process 2. A risk-behaviour assessment 3. Informed consent of each participant 4. Administration of the HIV test 5. Post-test counselling based on the test result(s). This course is based on the NACO guidelines.

About academic partnering institutions:

Ashakirana Hospital, Centre for AIDS Care and Research, Mysuru (<https://www.ashakirana.org>) is a not-for-profit private organization recognized by the DSIR and providing out-patient and in-patient services as HIV speciality tertiary care centre.

Adolescent Health Foundation of India, Chennai (<https://www.ahfi.in>) is a not-for-profit private organization working on adolescent health, sexuality and related infections.

About Course Coordinator: Dr. Pachamuthu Balakrishnan (<http://micro.sdc.saveetha.com/faculty>) has more than 25 years of experience in the field of HIV research and diagnostics. He was trained at the HIV Branch, Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA and, also contributed to the international (World Health Organization, WHO) and national (National AIDS Control Organization, NACO) guidelines as an expert, which are accessible online:



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